

CONTENTS

<i>Acknowledgments</i>	<i>page</i> vii
1 Introduction: The Problem with Pleasure	1
2 The Sublime Community	20
3 Re-Poe Man: Poe's Un-American Sublime	38
4 "Too Resurgent": Liquidity and Consumption in Henry James	67
5 Alphabetic Pleasures: <i>The Names</i>	89
6 J. G. Ballard's Empire of the Senses: Perversion and the Failure of Authority	108
7 Fatal West: W. S. Burroughs's Perverse Destiny	130
8 Conclusion: Agency in the Perverse	153
<i>Notes</i>	161
<i>Bibliography</i>	171
<i>Index</i>	177